



DECLARATION

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/988,817 that was filed in Japanese.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true, and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

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☒ Application No. 09/988,817, filed on Nov. 20, 2001,  
☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/We believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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